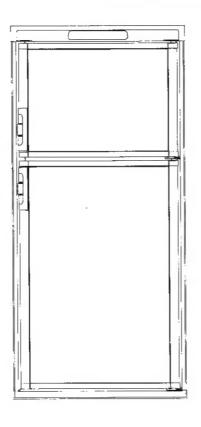
# **Electrolux**

## **MANUAL**

## **CARAVAN**

RA/RM-2D





**AES II** 

RM 4605 RM 4805

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## OPERATING AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTROLUX REFRIGERATORS

## INTRODUCTION

We are pleased that you have chosen this refrigerator and hope you will derive much satisfaction from using it, but first a few well-meant words of advice:

It is important to read through these instructions carefully before using the refrigerator.

To ensure good refrigeration and economical operation, the refrigerator must be installed and used as described in these instruction

The refrigerator is designed for installation in caravans or campers.

This refrigerator comes with an

### Automatic Energy Selector (AES)

which controls operation and energy supply. To put the refrigerator in operation, just trip the main switch - AES manages the rest.

## TRANSIT DAMAGE

Inspect the refrigerator for damage. Transit damage must be reported to whoever is responsible for delivery not later than seven days after the refrigerator was delivered.

### DATA PLATE

Check the data plate, inside the refrigerator, to ensure that you have received the right model.

The data plate contains e.g. the following details:

Model designation	RM
Product number	
Serial number	***********************************
Voltage	volts
Gas pressure	mbar

Since these details will be needed if you have to contact service personnel, it is a good idea to make a note of them here.

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## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS CONTROLS

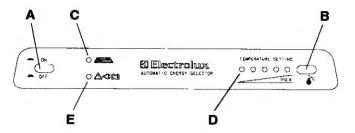


FIG. 1

This refrigerator is equipped with an Automatic Energy Selector (AES) which controls its operation and energy supply.

The system selects the available energy source in the order:

#### 240 V - 12 V - LP gas

No manual operation is necessary for selecting the energy source.

The control panel is shown in fig.1.

The refrigerator is set into operation by pushing button (A) (main switch). The AES LED (C) lights green showing: AES system working. Push-button (B) is used for setting the electronic thermostat. The thermostat LEDs (D) show the chosen temperature position. When there is a demand for refrigeration, AES will connect the most favourable of the available energy sources.

**Note:** 12 V must always be available to supply the electronics.

#### STARTING THE REFRIGERATOR

All references are to fig. 1.

### LP Gas operation

AES will select LP gas operation under the following conditions:

- No AC (240 V) available
- Engine not running (no high current at 12 V DC available)
- AC available but too low
- Engine running but DC supply too low (condition three and four are briefly described in item Undervoltage operation)

When the system chooses LP Gas operation, the flame failure device is automatically opened, allowing the gas to flow to the burner. At the same time, the electronic igniter is energized.

After initial installation, servicing, or changing gas cylinders etc., the gas pipes may contain some air which

should be allowed to escape by briefly turning on the refrigerator or other appliances. This will ensure that the flame lights immediately.

If the flame goes out (by gust of wind etc.), the igniter is immediately activated and reignites the gas.

**Note:** The control electronics and the igniter must have a DC (battery) supply to operate.

## Gas trouble-shooting

If the AES LED (C) is flashing red, the system was not able to start or continue gas operation. Set the switch (A) to OFF and check that there is enough gas in the gas bottle, that its valve is open and that any valves in the gas line to the refrigerator are open.

Then push button (A) to "ON" again. After 10 sec. AES will repeat the ignition sequence. When the AES LED (C) again starts flashing red after 30 sec., the trouble persists (air in the line, no gas?). Switch (A) briefly off and then on again. It might be necessary to repeat this operation 2-3 times if the tubing contains air (after changing gas bottles, repairs etc.).

If this does not help, you should consult a service technician.

## 240 V operation

When a mains connection is available, AES will select this. Please note, that even being in AC mode, 12 V DC is necessary for the internal supply of the electronics.

## 12 V operation

AES will select the 12 V mode of operation only when the vehicle engine is running (detected by the alternator connection of the fridge D+).

## SWITCHING BETWEEN ENERGY SOURCES

When switching from one energy source to another, there are some delays implemented in the AES system. The 15 min. delay between switching off the engine and starting gas mode is intended to delay the starting of gas mode e.g. when stopping at a filling station.

WARNING: It is not allowed to have a naked flame at a gas filling station. If you are not sure, that your stop is shorter than 15 min., you are advised to switch off the main switch (A), fig. 1, when stopping at a filling station.

## **UNDERVOLTAGE OPERATION**

The AES system is designed to guarantee the maximum cooling efficiency under any circumstances. Therefore, the system monitors continuously the voltage level while being in either 12 V DC or 240 V AC mode. If the voltage is too low, the system switches to Gas mode shown by the yellow LED (E in fig. 1.). The system stays in Gas mode, until the electrical supply voltage has recovered to normal level.

## WINTER OPERATION

Please check that the ventilation grilles or the flue outlet are not blocked by snow, leaves etc.

Some caravans with outside ventilation may have so called winter covers, to protect the cooling unit against

cold air (ask your dealer). The covers may be fitted when the outside temperature is below approx. 10°C and should be fitted when the temperature is bellow the freezing point.

We suggest that you fit the winter covers also in the case that the vehicle is laid up during the winter months.

### REGULATING THE TEMPERATURE

The position number refers to fig.1.

It will take a few hours for the refrigerator to reach normal operating temperature. So we suggest you start it well in advance of a trip and if possible store it with precooled foodstuffs.

The temperature of the refrigerator main compartment is set for all three sources of energy, by means of the thermostat knob (B). After turning on the refrigerator the system automatically chooses the mid- position. With some experience you will soon find a suitable setting. This normally does not need resetting because the same thermostat controls the main compartment temperature for any of the three sources of energy.

#### TRAVEL CATCH

The travel catch is integrated in the handle. Make sure that the travel catch is engaged when the caravan is on the move.

### **FOOD STORAGE**

Always keep food in closed containers. Never put hot food in the refrigerator; allow it to cool first.

Never keep items in the refrigerator which might give off flammable gases.

The frozen food compartment is intended for the storage of frozen food and for making ice. It is not suitable for freezing items of food.

Never put bottles or cans of fizzy drinks in the frozen food storage compartment as they may burst when freezing.

Most kinds of frozen food can be stored in the frozen food compartment for about a month. This period of time may vary, however, and it is important to follow the instructions on the individual packages.

## **ICE MAKING**

Fill the ice trays to just below the brim with drinking water and place them on the bottom of the freezer compartment. Ice will be made more rapidly if the thermostat is set at its highest position, but be sure to move back to normal setting when the ice is formed as the refrigerator will otherwise become much too cold.

#### DEFROSTING

Frost will gradually accumulate on the refrigerating surfaces. It must not be allowed to grow too thick as it acts as an insulator and adversely affects refrigerator performance. Check the formation of frost regularly every week and when it gets about 3 mm thick, defrost the refrigerator.

To defrost the refrigerator, turn it off and remove the ice trays and all food items, leave the cabinet and freezer doors open.

Do not try to accelerate defrosting by using any kind of heating appliance, as this might damage the plastic surfaces of the refrigerator. Neither should any sharp objects be used to scrape off the ice.

The defrost water runs from a collector channel to a receptacle at the rear of the refrigerator where it normally evaporates.

Heavy frost build up on the freezer plate and the cooling fins, and a lot of defrost water, move the plastic drain tube in to a water tight bucket or container. (Access through the lower ventilation grill on the outside of the vehicle). As the frost melts, the water will flow into the container. Replace the drain tube to its original position after defrosting.

Defrost water in the freezer compartment should be mopped up with a cloth.

When the ice has melted, wipe the refrigerator dry and restart it. Place the food items back inside but wait until the refrigerator is cold before making ice cubes.

### CLEANING THE REFRIGERATOR

Clean the inside of the refrigerator regularly to keep it fresh and hygienic.

Soak a cloth in a solution consisting of a teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda to half a litre of warm water. Wring out the cloth and use it to clean the interior of the refrigerator and its fittings.

Never use detergents, scouring powder, strongly scented products or wax polish to clean the interior of the refrigerator as they may damage the surfaces and leave a strong odour.

The exterior of the refrigerator should be wiped clean now and again, using a damp cloth and a small quantity of detergent. But not the door gasket, which should only be cleaned with soap and water and then thoroughly dried.

The cooling unit behind the refrigerator should be cleaned with a brush from time to time, but make sure that the refrigerator is switched off when doing this.

### TURNING OF THE REFRIGERATOR

If the refrigerator is not to be used for some time:

- 1. Set the switch (A), fig. 1, to "OFF".
- Shut off any on-board valve in the gas line to the refrigerator.
- Pull out the plug from the wall socket.
- Empty the refrigerator. Defrost and clean it as described earlier. Leave the doors of the refrigerator and frozen food compartment ajar.
- When the vehicle is laid up for a long period of time (e.g. during the winter months), we suggest fitting the winter covers on to the grills.

## IF THE REFRIGERATOR FAILS TO WORK

Check the following points before calling a service technician:

- that the green AES LED goes on, when the switch (A) is set to "ON" (12 V must be available).
- when mains are connected but the refrigerator stays in gas operation: Is the refrigerator correctly connected and is the fuse (240 V) intact?.
- 3. is the 12 V fuse intact?
- Disconnect the wall plug, and the 12 V wires before servicing. Check the fuses on the circuit board, (under the black cover at the rear of the refrigerator.

- in transit, if the refrigerator does not operate in DC mode: Is the alternator (D+) connection made correctly?
- if the AES LED (C) flashes red: see chapter Gas trouble-shooting.

## If the refrigerator is not cold enough it may be because:

- The ventilation is inadequate owing to reduced area of the ventilation passages (partial blockage of grilles from wire mesh etc.).
- 2. The evaporator is frosted up.
- 3. The temperature control setting is incorrect.
- 4. The gas pressure is incorrect check the pressure regulator at the gas container.
- 5. The ambient temperature is too high.
- 6. To much food is loaded at one time.
- The door is not properly closed or the magnetic sealing strip is defective.

If the refrigerator still does not work properly, call a service technician.

The sealed cooling system must not be opened, since it contains corroding chemicals under high pressure.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Always turn to a qualified service technician who is familiar with LP gas systems and refrigerator.

We recommend that a service technician check the refrigerator once a year.

- Inspect the gas hose periodically for cracks or deep chafing marks.
- Check that the gas safety shut-off valve is working properly.
- The ventilation openings are unobstructed.
- The Instruction Manual is available.
- Check all connections in the LP gas system (at the rear of the refrigerator) for gas leaks. Connections can be tested for leaks using a soap solution. Do not use a naked flame! If there is any suspicion of damage, call for a service technician.
- Check that the burner is clean and free from combustible material.

### SOME USEFUL HINTS

#### Make sure that:

- Defrosting is carried out periodically
- The refrigerator is clean and dry with the door left open when it is not to be used for some time.
- Liquids or items with a strong odour are well packed.
- The ventilation openings are unobstructed.
- The door is secured by means of the travel catch when the caravan is on the move.

#### **SERVICE AND SPARE PARTS**

Service and spare parts are obtainable from your dealer or Electrolux - consult the telephone directory.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS REPOSITIONING THE HINGES

The refrigerator is equipped with convertible doors. To change the door swing from right to left, must a special door reversing kit be used.

Door reversing kit, right-left: 293 27 50-04

For further information, contact your dealer or Electrolux.

## DOORPANEL

Door panels can easily be fitted or changed. The dimensions of the panels must be:

For mo	del RM	1 4605	RM4805
Height	upper door	402	402 ±1mm
	lower door	826	982 ±1mm
Width		525	525 ±1mm
Thickne	ss max.	4	4 mm

The refrigerator is delivered with door panels.

Before starting the mounting work, check that the panel dimensions are in compliance with those given in the table and the instructions are read thoroughly.

When mounting the panel, proceed as follows: See figure 10.

- A. Open the door 90 degrees.
- B. Remove the door decoration strip (2) by removing its three screws (1).
- C. Take away the old panel. Insert the new panel into the grooves of the door frame (3) and push the panel downward so that the lower horizontal edge of the panel is fitted into the bottom grove (4).
- D. Put the decoration strip across the door so that the gap is covered. (The decoration strip with printing is to be placed on the lower door). Secure the decoration strip with the three screws removed in step B (1).

## INSTALLATION/BUILDING-IN

The refrigerator is intended for installation in a caravan or camper van, and the description relates to this application.

The refrigerator must not be exposed to radiated heat from hot objects (e.g. below a cooker without proper heat shielding).

Excessive heat irradiation impairs performance and leads to increased energy consumption. For this reason the refrigerator should be installed if possible not at the entrance side of the vehicle - normally orientated south and often with an awning which would impair the dispersion of heat and combustion gases from the ventilation openings.

It is not a good practice to install the refrigerator so that the vent openings are covered by the vehicle's entrance door when this is set open. This would reduce the ventilation air flow to the cooling unit and reduce refrigeration performance.

#### The enclosure

The refrigerator must be installed in a substantial enclosure and must be level, the dimensions are shown in **TECHNICAL DATA**.

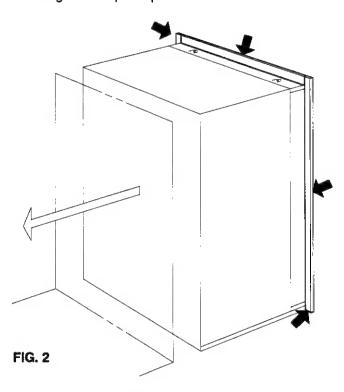
The bottom of the enclosure must be horizontal and even so that the refrigerator can be easily pushed into place. It must be sturdy enough to carry the weight of the refrigerator.

Make sure that there is a complete seal between the front frame of the refrigerator and top, sides and bottom of the enclosure. A length of sealing strip is applied to the rear surface of the front frame for this purpose, see fig.2.

**Note:** A wood strip must be in place across the upper opening of the enclosure. The top frame of the refrigerator will be anchored to the wood strip with screws. See fig.7 b.

Push the refrigerator into the recess until the sealing strip on the flange seals against the front of the recess, so that the cooling unit is completely sealed off against the interior of the caravan.

**Note:** Be careful not to damage the sealing strip when the refrigerator is put in place.



## Securing the refrigerator

After the refrigerator is put in place, (insuring a combustion seal at the front frame), the refrigerator is to be secured in the enclosure with six screws. The screws have to be installed in the following order:

**A.** Two screws installed through the front base, which includes the lower front strip installation.

The refrigerator is provided with a lower front strip (shipped as a loose part). The front strip is to be installed after the refrigerator is set into the cut-out opening.

 Install the lower front strip by sliding it under the bottom hinge plate, as shown in fig. 3. The hinge plate can be on the right or left side depending on the door swing.

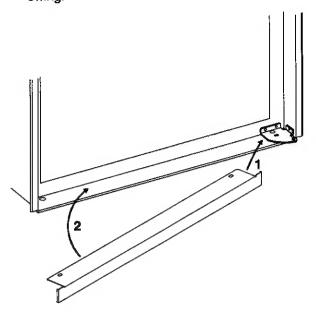


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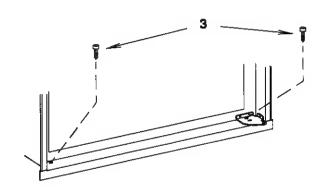


FIG. 4

- Once the lower front strip is slipped under the hinge, the part is possible to swing into place as shown in fig. 4.
- Secure the refrigerator and the lower front strip with two screws:

One screw through the hinge and into the floor. The second screw is installed on the opposite side through the lower front strip. (Fig. 4).

B: Two screws installed in the top frame.

The top decoration panel must be removed from the refrigerator before the screws can be installed. Open the upper door and gently push the tabs out of the hole in the hinge (both sides) with a flat blade screwdriver.

Carefully tilt the top decoration panel and lift up to remove from top frame. See fig. 5.

Be careful not to damage the circuit board and wires.

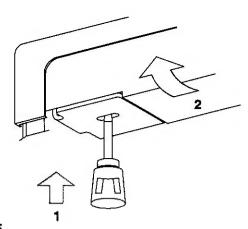


FIG. 5

Install the two screws in the top frame, the holes are accessible from beneath.

After the two screws have been installed, seal the holes in the top frame with a piece of tape.

Replace the top decoration panel. Be careful not to pinch the wires behind the panel. Make sure the tabs snap back into the holes in the hinge plate.

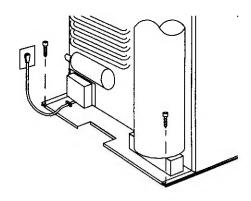
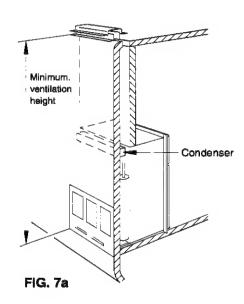


FIG. 6

C: Two screws installed in the rear base. See fig. 6.

Failure to follow the sequence in securing the refrigerator in the enclosure can cause leakage between the frame and cabinet. Any space between the counter, storage area or ceiling and top of the refrigerator greater than 40 mm should be blocked. The heat produced at the rear of the refrigerator will become trapped in this space, making the top of the refrigerator hot and reduce the efficiency of the refrigerator.

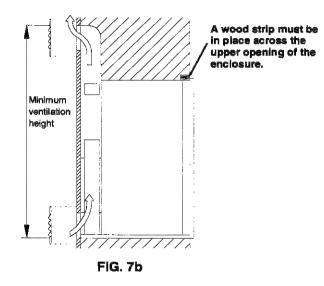
## **VENTILATION OF THE UNIT**



## Ventilation heights

Model	Minimum ventilation heights in mm.		
	Installation with upper and lower side vent	Installation with roof vent and lower side vent	
RM 4605	1760	1465	
RM 4805	1900	1620	

At high ambient temperatures the refrigeration unit will only perform adequately when properly ventilated. The ventilation passage at the rear of the recess, between the outer wall of the vehicle and the refrigerator must be



completely sealed off from the interior of the caravan. Neither flue gas nor (cold) air from the ventilation openings in the wall of the caravan (outer wall of the ventilation passage) must be able to pass into the interior of the caravan.

The side walls of the shaft should be thermally insulated to prevent condensation and cold draughts. Shaft wall sections located above and below the exhaust gas vent must not be made of flammable materials.

Proper installation requires one lower fresh air intake and one upper exhaust vent (fig. 7a).

These should have a free flow-through area of at least 300 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Fresh air enters through the lower opening and warm air is discharged through the upper exhaust vent.

The lower opening should be located at floor level ( to allow any leaking gas to escape to the outside).

The ventilation of the cooling unit can also be done via two openings in the wall of the caravan (fig. 7 b).

Fresh air enters through the lower opening and warm air is discharged through the upper one.

The upper ventilation opening should be located above the condenser, as high as possible, to ensure good ventilation.

The lower opening should be located at floor level ( to allow any leaking gas to escape to the outside).

The openings in the caravan wall must be fitted with suitable grilles with sufficient heat resistance. These should have a free flow-through area of at least 300 cm<sup>2</sup>. Please observe that fly netting behind the grilles can reduce the area by as much as 50%.

## LP GAS CONNECTION

The refrigerator is designed for operation on LP gas, the pressure of which must 28 mbar for Butane and 37 mbar for Propane. Check that this is stated on the data plate.

The refrigerator is not designed for operation on town gas or natural gas.

CAUTION! CHECK THAT THE GAS SUPPLIED TO THE REFRIGERATOR IS AT THE CORRECT PRESSURE. SEE THE REDUCING VALVE ON THE LP GAS CONTAINER.

The gas installation should only be carried out by a person experienced in gas fitting. It is recommended that the gas pipe feeding the refrigerator is so arranged that it is possible to turn off the supply of the refrigerator.

It must be of a type approved for use with continuously operating bottled gas appliances, and have threaded compression connections throughout. PUSH-ON CONNECTIONS MUST NOT BE USED (We do not recommend the use of "rubber" type flexible tubing for connecting permanently operating appliances of this type in the United Kingdom). All connectors etc. should be off a type specifically designed for the type and diameter of the connection pipe used, and screwed joints should be sealed with a joining compound approved for use with bottled gas.

The gas supply pipe should be connected to the gas inlet off the gas control vaive by means off a suitable threaded coupling.

In making the connection to the refrigerator, a union gas cock of an approved type bottled-gas must be incorporated in the supply line in a position which is readily accessible to the user. For eventual servicing purposes, the union should be on the outlet side of the cock and the pipework should be positioned so as not to prevent the refrigerator from being readily withdrawn.

On completion of installation, the system must be pressure tested by a qualified technician.

## **ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

The electrical installation must be carried out in a proper and durable manner, taking into account all relevant regulations and codes of practice.

As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

- the wire which is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter E or by the earth symbol \_\_\_\_\_\_, or coloured green or green and yellow,
- the wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black.
- the wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red.

### WARNING- THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED

#### **IMPORTANT**

The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

- green/yellow: earth
- blue: neutral
- brown: live

Your appliance is already fitted with a 13 amp. (B.S. 1363) fuse plug incorporating a 3 A fuse. If it does not fit your socket the plug should be cut off from the mains lead and an appropriate plug fitted.

Throw away the cut off plug; do not insert it in a 13 A socket-outlet elsewhere in the house as this could cause a shock hazard.

The fuse cover must be re-fitted when changing the fuse. Never use the plug without the fuse cover.

The appliance must be protected by a 3 amp. fuse, ASTA approved to B.S. 1362.

## 240 V Supplies.

Check that the voltage stated on the data plate is the same as the mains voltage in use (240 V).

Plug the 240 V refrigerator power cord into an easily accessible wall socket.

Electrical leads must be routed and secured so that they cannot come into contact with hot or sharp parts of the refrigerator.

## 12 V and "D+" Connection

The 12 V connection of the refrigerator is shown in fig. 8. The (+12 V and (-) pole have to be connected directly to the vehicles battery. Do not use the chassis for the return lead. The battery cable must not be connected to a voltage controller or similar device as the AES itself monitors the battery voltage.

A relay cutting out 12 V operation when the ignition key is turned off, is not recommended.

All splices should be screwed or soldered to keep voltage drop to a minimum. The positive conductor must be protected by a 30 A fuse.

The connection D+ (alternator) has to be connected to the corresponding outlet of the vehicles electrical system.

Please consult a specialist, if you are not familiar with the 12 V electrical system in your motor home.

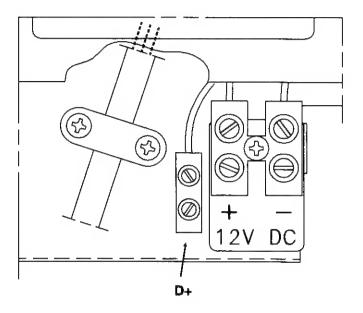


FIG. 8

## **Cross-sections**

The D+ (alternator) connection does not carry high current, therefor it is no need to use a high cross-section cable.

For the 12 V (+) and (-) leads, we recommend a 10  $\text{mm}^2$  wire if the total wire length (+ and - wire together) is up to 12 m. If the total wire length is less than 7 m, 6  $\text{mm}^2$  might be sufficient as well.

## Interior light - bulb - change

If the bulb has to be replaced, proceed as follows:

- 1. Remove cover of the lamp by pushing it backwards.
- 2. Remove the bulb.
- 3. Put in a new bulb (12 V, max. 5 W).
- 4. Push the lamp cover back in place.

TECHNICAL DATA		
RM	4605	4805
Overall dimensions, refrigerator		
Height	1385	1541 mm
Width	632	632 mm
Depth (incl. cooling unit)	627	627 mm
Recess dimensions		
Height	1365	1522 mm
Width	602	602 mm
Depth	610	610 mm
Capacity		
Gross	186	225 litres
Net	171	209 litres
frozen food compt	47	47 litres
Weight (without packaging)	57	63 kg
Electrical data		
Input, 240 volt	325	325 watt
12 volt	215	215 watt
Energy consumption (in 24h)	4.6	4.8 kWh
LP gas data		
Input, max	0.48	0.48 kW
Energy consumption (in 24h)	. 440	460 g
Cooling medium: Ammonia		

## Wiring diagram RM 4605, RM 4805

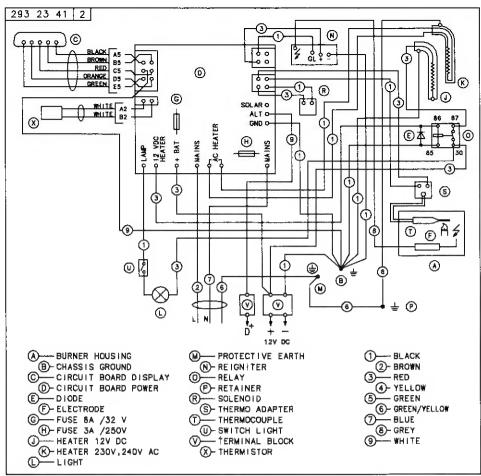


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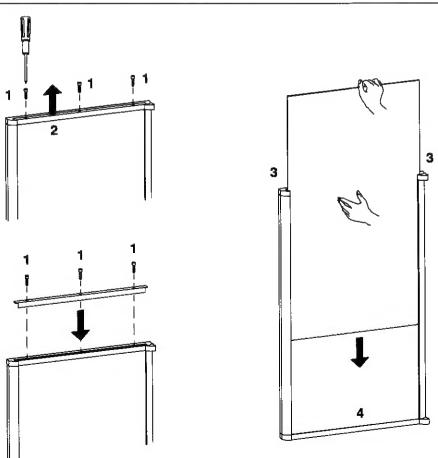


FIG. 10